

California MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

NOTICES & REPORTS

Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the 464th Meeting of the Council, San Francisco, Hilton Inn, December 10-11, 1960.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Sherman in the Hilton Inn, San Francisco International Airport, on Saturday, December 10, 1960, at 9:30 a.m.

Roll Call:

Present were President Foster, President-Elect Bostick, Speaker Doyle, Vice-Speaker Heron, Secretary Hosmer, Editor Wilbur and Councilors MacLaggan, Wheeler, Todd, Quinn, O'Neill, Kirchner, O'Connor, Shaw, Rogers, Dalton, Murray, Davis, Miller, Sherman, Campbell, Morrison, Anderson and Teall.

A quorum present and acting.

Present by invitation were Messrs. Hunton, Thomas, Clancy, Collins, Marvin, Whelan, Edwards, Tobitt and Drs. Batchelder and Miller of C.M.A. staff; county executives Scheuber of Alameda-Contra Costa, Geisert of Kern, Field of Los Angeles, Grove of Monterey, Somerville of Napa, Bannister of Orange, Brayer of Riverside, Dochterman of Sacramento, Nute of San Diego, Neick of San Francisco, Thompson, Pearce and Monnich of San Joaquin, Wood of San Mateo, Lingerfelt of Fresno, Donovan and Colvin of Santa Clara, Funk of Solano, Bailey of Tulare, Brown of Sonoma; Dr. Malcolm Merrill, State Director of Public Health; Dr. Theo K. Miller, representing the State Director of Mental Hygiene; Mrs. Eunice Evans, State Department of Social Welfare; Messrs. Hassard and Huber of legal counsel; Messrs. Read, Salisbury and Fraser of the Public Health League; Dr. Robert Holmes, president of San Mateo County Medical Society; Dr. William Hickey, president-elect of Sacramento Medical Society; Messrs. Lyon, Niron and Paolini of California Physicians' Service; and Doctors Dan O. Kilroy, Donald Harrington, Francis E. West, Wayne Pollock and Bernard M. Kramer.

1. Minutes for Approval:

On motion duly made and seconded, minutes of the 463rd meeting of the Council, held October 22, 1960, were approved.

2. Membership:

(a) A report of membership as of December 8, 1960, was received and ordered filed.

(b) On motion duly made and seconded, 30 delinquent members whose dues have now been paid, were voted reinstatement.

(c) On motion duly made and seconded in each instance, 14 applicants were voted Associate Membership. These were: Charles J. Brooks, Harvey Robert Lerner, Jack Lieberman, Fred H. Mowrey, Stanley John Simon, Ethel Francis Young, Llewellyn Martin Jones, Los Angeles County; Daniel Allen Treat, Sacramento County; George J. Wiesseman, San Bernardino County; Lourdes O. Agcaoili, Seymour Fisher, San Francisco County; Isaac Persyko, San Joaquin County; Frederick P. Schnell, San Luis Obispo County; Donald M. Bramwell, Sonoma County.

(d) On motion duly made and seconded in each instance, five members were voted Retired Membership. These were: Jose Renato Lacayo, C. Morley Sellery, Reuel M. Spencer, Los Angeles County;

PAUL D. FOSTER, M.D.	President
WARREN L. BOSTICK, M.D.	President-Elect
JAMES C. DOYLE, M.D.	Speaker
IVAN C. HERON, M.D.	Vice-Speaker
SAMUEL R. SHERMAN, M.D.	Chairman of the Council
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George M. Landrock, Marin County; B. J. Rohlfes, San Francisco County.

(e) On motion duly made and seconded in each instance, five members were voted a reduction of dues because of illness or postgraduate study.

3. *State Department of Public Health:*

Dr. Malcolm Merrill, State Director of Public Health, reported that additional funds were contemplated for the department's use in the field of alcoholic rehabilitation. He also reported that progress was being made in automotive exhaust control and that several departments of the state were conferring on a possible coordinated program of traffic safety.

4. *State Department of Mental Hygiene:*

Dr. Theo K. Miller reported that two units for concentrated mental health therapy are soon to be opened, one at University of California at Los Angeles and one at the Napa State Hospital.

5. *State Department of Social Welfare:*

Mrs. Eunice Evans, Assistant Director of the State Department of Social Welfare, reported that a survey of retail drug prices showed that the department is purchasing prescription drugs for its recipients at a cost somewhat less than is paid by the general public.

Mrs. Evans also reported that eight private and public rehabilitation centers had been approved, that additional centers would likely qualify for approval in the near future and that the rehabilitation program for the aged would start on January 1. She also reported that the health evaluation studies of the aged would start on February 1.

6. *Unfinished Business:*

(a) Dr. Sherman reported for the ad hoc committee to study the report of the Governor's Committee for Medical Aid and Health. This report to date is in outline form, in advance of the complete report. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to accept the ad hoc committee's report as a progress report.¹

(b) Dr. Todd reported that the committee to plan the 1961 Conference of County Society Officers had voted to recommend that the conference be scheduled for February 10 and 11 and that the president, president-elect and secretary and two members of the House of Delegates be invited from each society, their expenses to be met by the Association. On motion duly made and seconded, this recommendation was approved.

Dr. Harrington reported that the Commission on Medical Services also wished to invite two representatives of each society to attend this conference

at the Commission's expense. On motion duly made and seconded, this proposal was approved. It was also agreed that representatives of other organizations might be invited as individuals but not as groups.

7. *California Physicians' Service:*

Dr. John G. Morrison, chairman of the board of California Physicians' Service, reported that there are now 14,462 physician members and that the organization's financial status is satisfactory. He also reported that progress is being made on studies covering payments for consultative services and podiatrists' services.

Dr. Morrison also discussed the MD-65 program of C.P.S. and suggested that the program be expanded, possibly to include major hospitalization coverage with a \$500 deductible clause and a \$5,000 maximum benefit. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to reactivate the Council's committee on MD-65, possibly with new members. This committee is to be named by the Chairman of the Council and the Chairman of the Committee on Committees and is to present a report at the next Council meeting.

8. *Report of the President:*

Dr. Foster reported on actions taken by the Committee for Emergency Action at a meeting held November 23, 1960. Principal item at the meeting was passage of a resolution urging the American Medical Association to assume leadership in investigating the feasibility of providing broad-scale health insurance coverage for all people under a voluntary program. On motion duly made and seconded, this report was approved.

9. *Report of the President-Elect:*

Dr. Bostick reported on the reactions he had received on some of his visits to county societies and urged that members of the Council work with their constituents for achieving an understanding that a public relations program was a most involved problem and that professional understanding of the goals of the profession was essential in this regard.

10. *Finance Committee:*

Chairman Heron reported for the Finance Committee on several items, as follows:

(a) The committee recommended against preparation of a mailing list using home addresses of members, because of the difficulties and cost involved. On motion duly made and seconded, this recommendation was approved.

(b) The committee recommended that the expenses of representatives to the Governor's Con-

ference on the Aging be paid where such representatives had been nominated by the Association but that the expenses of others not be met. On motion duly made and seconded, this recommendation was approved.

(c) On motion duly made and seconded, the committee's recommendation that four official representatives of the Association to the White House Conference on the Aging be reimbursed for their expenses was approved.

(d) On the committee's recommendation and on motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to approve the formation and operation of a publishing subsidiary for the distribution of pamphlets and other printed materials. The corporation, to be known as Six Ninety Three Sutter Publications, Inc., will be wholly owned by Trustees of the California Medical Association. On motion duly made and seconded, interfund transactions between this corporation and the Association were approved.

(e) On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to reaffirm an earlier Council decision calling for the payment of a per diem to a specified committee chairman only for those days when the chairman was absent from his office because of an approved request from a component county society.

(f) On motion duly made and seconded and by a three-fourths recorded vote, it was voted to appropriate an additional \$4,000 to cover the expenses of the 1961 Conference of County Society officers, to be held February 10-11, 1961.

(g) On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to approve in principle the committee's recommendation that a program of retirement annuities and life insurance be instituted for the employees of the Association, utilizing group coverages for both parts of the program. The Finance Committee was directed to work out necessary details.

(h) It was reported that a study of the Association's finances revealed that to avoid the current borrowing of money each fall to meet current obligations the sum of \$25 a member, as a one-time assessment, would be necessary.

11. *Committee on Committees:*

Dr. Bostick recommended for the Committee on Committees that Dr. John F. Murray be added to the Liaison Committee to the California Pharmaceutical Association and that Dr. Donald Pettit be added to the Committee on Scientific Work to succeed Dr. Thomas H. Brem, resigned. On motion duly made and seconded these appointments were approved.

12. *Project "Hope":*

Dr. Bernard M. Kramer of San Francisco, just returned from a month of service on the ship *Hope*,

reported on his experiences and on the program being followed by the project in Eastern countries which have requested the project's services. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Council of the California Medical Association views with favor the activity of the ship *Hope* as a highly meritorious program of people-to-people medical care between the United States and other countries.

13. *Liaison Committee to the State Bar of California:*

A report from the Liaison Committee to the State Bar of California recommended that limited privileges should be accorded members of medical disciplinary committees in the exercise of their duties and that Mr. Hassard be instructed to draft suitable legislation for the approval of the State Bar and for introduction into the Legislature. On motion duly made and seconded, this recommendation was approved.

14. *Commission on Medical Services:*

(a) Several recommendations for the operations and procedures of mediation committees in the county societies were discussed and, on motion duly made and seconded, referred back to the Commission for further clarification and report.

(b) Recommendations of the Commission relative to the August 19, 1960, report of the Commission—C.P.S. Liaison Committee were disapproved on motion duly made and seconded, and the Liaison Committee report of August 19 was approved.

(The Commission on Medical Services report recommended referral of House of Delegates resolutions No. 57, No. 75 and No. 76 to the Committee on Fees and the C.P.S. Fee Schedule Committee, to jointly develop premiums, information on number of people to be covered, etc. By approval of the C.M.S.—C.P.S. Liaison Committee report, the Council authorized C.P.S. to study the feasibility of providing new programs with varying income ceilings and fee schedules. The Liaison Committee also recommended disapproval of House of Delegates resolution No. 13 on the basis that the inequities in the A Schedule would be compounded, not eliminated as the House of Delegates resolution suggested.)

(c) The Commission recommended that the Bureau of Research and Planning make a comprehensive study of medical society-sponsored programs in California and information from such study be made available to the membership. On motion duly made and seconded, this recommendation was approved.

15. *Committee on Other Professions:*

Dr. Wayne Pollock, chairman of the Committee on Other Professions, reported on continuing discussions with a committee of the California Osteopathic Association. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to approve formation of a joint educational committee of the two associations, to be composed of the deans of the three Southern California medical schools and Dr. Pollock representing the Association and Doctors Bell, Carroll and Grunigen representing the California Osteopathic Association.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to approve a letter to be sent by President Foster to President Dorothy Marsh of the California Osteopathic Association and a press release prepared and to be issued jointly by the two associations. It was also agreed that a letter be sent to the membership, advising them of the history and current status of these discussions.

16. *Committee on Legislation:*

Dr. Kilroy and Mr. Read reported on the results of the 1960 elections and stated that a record number of legislative proposals was anticipated in the 1961 legislative session, many of them emanating from sources which may be inimical to medicine.

17. *Liaison Committee to State Department of Social Welfare:*

Chairman Quinn of the Liaison Committee to the State Department of Social Welfare reported on a meeting held with the department, several phases of which had been covered earlier by Mrs. Evans of the department. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to accept this report.

18. *Commission on Public Agencies:*

Chairman Wheeler of the Commission on Public Agencies presented a request from Senator Byrne for nomination of a representative to serve on a Citizens' Advisory Committee on Predators and Rabies. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to approve this request, the Committee on Committees to name the representative.

19. *Commission on Community Health Services:*

(a) Chairman MacLaggan discussed proposals which have been given to the Governor for improved medical and environmental care of migratory farm workers. It was agreed that legislative proposals along this line be carefully studied.

(b) A request of the Section on Industrial Health to change its name to Section on Occupational Health was, on motion duly made and seconded, referred to the Committee on Committees for study and recommendation.

(c) A proposed letter to the Joint Commission on Education, urging the maintenance of a program of health education in the schools was approved.

(d) Jack Collins reported on the Governor's Conference on Traffic Safety, in which the Committee on Traffic Safety participated. The committee also recommended that traffic safety committees be established in the county societies, these committees to work with the Department of Motor Vehicles locally and to make recommendations on individual cases referred by that agency. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to approve this recommendation and to refer any proposed legislation to the Committee on Legislation.

20. *Liaison Committee to California Hospital Association:*

Dr. MacLaggan reported that the program for hospital-physician relationships would be functioning in four counties next month and that additional hospitals were being contacted to inaugurate the program. He also reported that the Crippled Children's Services of the State Department of Public Health had approved the hospital-physician principles for recognition of hospitals under its program.

21. *Commission on Cancer:*

Report was made on the proposed revision and updating the "Cancer Studies" produced and published by the Commission several years ago. Further report will be made later.

22. *Reorganization of State Government:*

Councilor Anderson called attention to the report of the Committee on Reorganization of the State Government and pointed out that some sections have a bearing on medical practice. It was regularly moved, seconded and voted to request the Committee on Legislation to review such sections and recommend appropriate action.

Recess:

At this point the Council was declared in recess until Sunday, December 11, 1960, at 8:00 a.m.

Reconvention:

The Council was reconvened at 8:00 a.m., Sunday, December 11, 1960, for a general discussion of various problems confronting the medical profession today.

23. *Governor's Committee on Medical Aid and Health:*

Doctors Paul D. Foster and T. Eric Reynolds, members of the Governor's Committee on Medical Aid and Health, reported on the progress of the

committee and on its forthcoming report. It was pointed out that within the next 15 years the state will have need for 1,400 medical graduates annually from its own schools, or approximately three times the present number.

Dr. Francis E. West made a complete report on the functions and operations of the State Board of Medical Examiners. Councilor Quinn, a member of that Board for 12 years, supplemented this report.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to include in the approved report of the ad hoc committee to study the report of the Governor's Committee on Medical Aid and Health a section pointing out that all physicians and the Association are greatly concerned with the need for the licensing authority to exercise some degree of continuing supervision over standards of care.

24. *Foundations for Medical Care:*

Discussion was held on the operations and the position of several foundations for medical care which have been sponsored by county societies in recent years. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to refer to the appropriate committee or committees a study of the present and the potentially desirable spheres of activity of various types of underwriters and mechanisms in voluntary health insurance.

25. *Commission on Medical Service—C.P.S. Liaison Committee:*

Discussion was held on the effectiveness of the Commission on Medical Services—C.P.S. Liaison Committee and the question was propounded that this committee might more effectively operate as a direct committee of the Council rather than through a commission. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to refer this question to the Committee

on Committees for study and report back to the Council at the earliest possible opportunity.

26. *Fees for State Medical Care Programs:*

Discussion was held on possible means of achieving uniform and adequate fees for medical services provided under several programs financed by the State of California. Variations in fee levels in different areas of the state were demonstrated. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that state officials be requested to achieve uniform and adequate medical care fees on the basis of allocation of fees by regions through utilization of a composite premium structure under a pooled fund program.

27. *Ad Hoc Committee on History of C.M.A.:*

Councilor Rogers presented a progress report for the ad hoc Committee on History of the C.M.A., pointing out that no author is known to be engaged in preparing such a history at this time but that considerable material is available for such a project. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to approve the committee's recommendation that a bibliography of available historical material be sent to each county society, to medical schools and other interested parties.

28. *C.M.A. Mailing List:*

A request for use of the Association's mailing list was presented and, on motion duly made and seconded, was denied.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before it, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

SAMUEL R. SHERMAN, M.D., *Chairman*
MATTHEW N. HOSMER, M.D., *Secretary*

--- In Memoriam ---

ARKLIN, VIRGIL P. Died in Sun Valley, December 23, 1960, aged 38. Graduate of the University of Southern California School of Medicine, Los Angeles, 1947. Licensed in California in 1947. Doctor Arklin was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association.



DAVIES, THOMAS F. Died in 1960, aged 84. Graduate of New York Medical College Flower and Fifth Avenue Hospitals, New York, N. Y., 1898. Licensed in California in 1928. Doctor Davies was a member of the Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association.



ELLIS, LULA TALBOTT. Died in Duarte, December 27, 1960, aged 94. Graduate of University of Southern California

School of Medicine, Los Angeles, 1888. Licensed in California in 1889. Doctor Ellis was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, a life member of the California Medical Association, and a member of the American Medical Association.



FISHMAN, LOUIS ZOLO. Died in Walnut Creek, December 17, 1960, aged 56. Graduate of the University of Illinois College of Medicine, Chicago, 1928. Licensed in California in 1943. Doctor Fishman was a member of the Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association.



FREEDMAN, EUGENE. Died in Los Angeles, December 26, 1960, aged 63. Graduate of the Universitatea Regele Ferdi-